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Academy of Collaborative Education

Minutes

Fundraising/Development Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday May 14, 2025 at 4:00 PM

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Committee Members Present
Amy Marcus (remote), Chloe Marcus (remote), Dawn Stanfield (remote), Joellen Freeman, Rachel Lindsey (remote), Richard Cannon

Committee Members Absent
Madison Bachhofer, Megan Broussard, Meredith Vickery, Rudy Turner

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B.

Call the Meeting to Order

Richard Cannon called a meeting of the Fundraising/Development Committee of Academy of Collaborative Education to order on Wednesday May 14, 2025 at 4:02 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Dawn Stanfield made a motion to approve the minutes from April Fundraising Meeting on 04-08-25.
Joellen Freeman seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Questions from Parents

A. Committee chairs will answer questions from potential Fundraising committee members.

Anna Guthrie will join the fundraising committee.

She brought a puzzle-piece quilt that she will donate to the school for the golf auction when finished.

The group discussed the need for a perpetual virtual storefront that would allow people to purchase school shirts, sweatshirts, car decals, and other items year-round.

III. 2025 ACE Masters

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We discussed the need for members to watch QGIV/Bloomerang training videos in order to make the best use of the new platform for the auction and golf tournaments.

Chloe placed the link to the QGIV/BLOOMERANG trainings in the Fundraising GroupMe, and pointed out that there were also recorded trainings for members to watch in lieu of live training, at the bottom of the linked page.

All participants will take notes and debrief the remainder of the group at the next meeting.

IV. Monthly Finance Update

A. April Fundraising Statement Overview

Chloe reviewed the monthly bank statement for fundraising.

V. 2025 Fundraising Goals and rough Fundraising Calendar

A. ROUGH Fundraising Calendar

Amy added the autism awareness t-shirt release in February.

And she moved ACE-ERCISE to January 10, 2026.

She asked that every member take time before the next meeting to review the calendar and come ready with their reasons for suggested edits, additions, and removals.

We will draft and vote on our official July 25-June 26 calendar at the next meeting.

VI. Other Business

A. Planning Ahead

The River Rat group contacted Dr. Stanfield about possibly raising ACE's percentage to 30% if we can help more.

The fundraising committee agreed to help with the Monroe side of the River Rat race, providing volunteers and assistance with registration and packet pickup.

B. Autism Awareness Campaign

Joellen introduced the idea of creating an annual (comfortable) ACE autism awareness t-shirt to the fundraising calendar.

Rachel suggested that we reach out to the owner of Mr.P's Tee's for help with this.

Joellen proposed that our first shirt be for sale in February of 2026.

C. Angel Award

Joellen shared that Dr. Dawn Stanfield won the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Angel Award, worth $30,000, and she asked that it be donated to ACE. The award ceremony will be in October.

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Lindsey

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